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Washington, D.C. 20505

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31 OCT 1984

The Honorable Howard M. Metzenbaum  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Metzenbaum:

Thank you for your letter of 19 September with a copy of a telegram from [redacted] of Ohio University expressing his concerns about the welfare of Mr. Raymond Hooker.

Let me assure you that this Agency neither participated in nor countenanced the MISURASATA's kidnapping of Mr. Raymond Hooker and Miss Patricia Delgado. The Central Intelligence Agency does not condone such acts against the civilian populace.

The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence has been interested in the plight of Mr. Hooker and Miss Delgado, and this Agency has been continually providing such information as has come to our knowledge to that Committee. In accordance with procedures established by the Congress, I am required to respectfully refer you to the Oversight Committee.

Sincerely,

/s/Charles A. Briggs

Charles A. Briggs  
Director, Office of Legislative Liaison

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Response to Constituent Inquiry re Ray Hooker

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Please forward our suggested response to [redacted] OLL, who handles constituent requests.

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Response to the Senate re Ray Hooker was prepared by LA Division. LA Division has forwarded cables to field stations seeking any additional information re the kidnappings.

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02 OCT 1984

SUBJECT: Response to Constituent Inquiry re Ray Hooker

In response to your 19 September 1984 letter, let me provide the following background on the Ray Hooker situation. Mr. Hooker is the FSLN (Sandinista) candidate for the National Assembly from Zelaya Sur Province on Nicaragua's east coast. He and a FSLN official, Patricia Delgado, were captured on 5 September 1984 by Misurasata insurgents who ambushed the boat in which they were riding in the Laguna de Perlas area.

The Misurasata is an east coast anti-Sandinista Indian organization headquartered in Costa Rica, headed by Brooklyn Rivera, and coming under the overall command of Eden Pastora. On 14 September Pastora, Rivera and other leaders of Pastora's organization announced that Hooker, Delgado and other persons were captured by a Misurasata unit. The communique said that within the next 48 hours Pastora's group would announce the terms for the release of the prisoners. It further said that they were being treated according to internationally recognized humanitarian standards. No further word was heard regarding the condition of Hooker and Delgado.

The Agency provides no funding to the insurgent groups and has no control over their activities or leaders. Hence, it has little or no capability to affect the Hooker situation other than emphasize to the insurgents the negative image such actions carry with them.

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HOWARD M. METZENBAUM  
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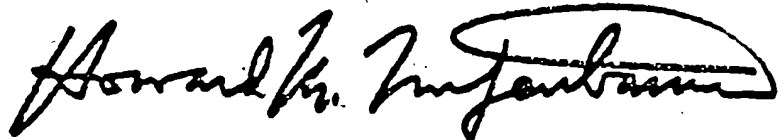
External Affairs  
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Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Director:

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It would be helpful if someone would look into this matter and advise me if something can be done to assist.

Very sincerely yours,



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**Telegram**

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CAPITOL ONE DC 20510

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OHIO UNIVERSITY

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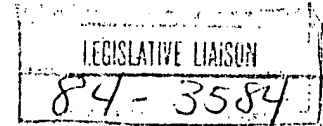
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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Howard M. Metzenbaum". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

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